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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	09/492,028
	Filing Date	January 26, 2000
	Examiner Name	Bridget E. Bunner
	First Named Inventor	Zuker, Charles S.
	Group Art Unit	1647
	Attorney Docket Number	02307E-092610US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 9, 2002
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

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b. ☐ Other _____

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

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Art Unit: 1647

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed February 11, 2002, , the Notice of Appeal mailed August 9, 2002, and the Advisory Action mailed October 21, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the remarks and amendments set forth herein. A petition to extend the time for response for one month, from October 9, 2002 to November 9, 2002, is submitted herewith. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and fee are also submitted herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 4, lines 6-7, please amend the specification: